

Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: Vicki Scheonard

Species observed:

Address: 122 Main St.

Clemmys insculpta (Wood turtle)

Topsham, ME 04086

Date and Time of observation:

Phone: (207) (H) _____ (W) _____

June 3, 1999 (1500)

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: Pittsfield County Berkshire USGS Map: PITTSFIELD WEST, MA

b) Please attach a photo copy of the appropriate section of a USGS topographic map (or similar map if a USGS map is unavailable). Please carefully mark the site in red where you observed this rare species.

c) Please explain how to get to this spot: From Fred Garner River Park, float approx. 1800-2000' downstream (sharp left bend in river with power lines overhead).

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? Yes Based on what field marks? Carapace, skin coloration.

Were photographs taken? Yes

If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: Undetermined

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: Unknown

(OVER)

6. Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? Yes.

If yes, please give details: Both male + female wood turtles were observed near confluence area of Housatonic River w/ West Branch in 1999.

7. Description of habitat at this site: Riparian with sandy, gradually sloping shore to scrub/shrub area

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site:

Unknown

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: UNKNOWN

10. Additional observations/comments: Turtle was observed within herbaceous layer approx. 15' from river's edge heading towards forested habitat.

11. Qualifications of observer (check all that apply):

- ☐ Amateur naturalist. Years of experience: _____
☐ Conservation Commission member
☐ Biology/science teacher
☒ Environmental Consultant
☒ Degree in Biology: ☒ Bachelor's _____ Master's _____ Ph. D.
☐ Other. Please specify: _____

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species: Both male + female wood turtles were observed in 1998.

13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): A. Haines - Botanist / Biologist - Woolly ALCANTARA

14. I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Vicki Schomard

Date: 6/8/99

Please submit field forms and all supporting documentation (map, photo, etc.) to:

MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Route 135
Westboro, MA 01581
508-792-7270 ext. 200

